

Section II (Remarks)

Originally filed claims 1, 6, 13, 14, and 17-20 have been hereby amended to specifically define the means-plus-function language contained therein, based on the description of various fluid conduits used in conjunction with the cross-flow filtration modules in U.S. Patent No. 5,593,580, which has been incorporated by reference in its entirety by the present application (see instant specification, page 21, second paragraph).

New claims 23-43 have been added herein to additionally claim the invention.

It is hereby requested that examination proceed on the basis of claims 1-43 as now pending in the applications.

The addition of new claims 23-43 increases the number of total claims by 21 beyond the number previously paid for, and increases the number of independent claims by 5 beyond 3. Accordingly, the additional-claim fee in the amount of **\$1025.00** ($= \$100 \times 5 + \25×21) is authorized to be charged to the credit card specified by the enclosed Credit Card Payment Authorization Form. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

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